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Whitehall, May 26.

YEsterday in the Evening arrived a Meſſenger, diſpatched by the Right Honourable the Lord Harrington Principal Secretary of State attending his Majeſty, with a Letter dated from Helvoetſluys Saturday the 24th Inſtant, at Nine a-Clock in the Morning, giving an Account, that his Majeſty being arrived there in perfect Health (God be praiſed) was going on ſhore, in order to proceed on his Journey to Hanover. His Majeſty had a very fine Paſſage, the Wind having come to the South-Weſt on Friday Morning at Break of Day, when the Yachts and Convoy were at Anchor below the Nore.

This Morning the Lords Juſtices met at the Cockpit, and opened their Commiſſion. Their Excellencies have been pleaſed to appoint John Couraud and Andrew Stone, Eſqrs. to be their Secretaries.

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On the 24th Inſtant came in Letters from Vice-Admiral Vernon, dated the 25th of February, giving an Account, that the Burford (which was the Admiral-Ship at the taking of Porto Bello) having, in returning from a Cruize on the Spaniſh Coaſt, run upon a Rock off Point Canoa, two Leagues from the Shore, was found when ſhe came into Port Royal to be ſo very leaky, that there was an abſolute Neceſſity for her being careen'd before ſhe can put to Sea again. The Admiral therefore hoiſted his Flag in the Strafford, for the Expedition he has now in Hand; and having cauſed the reſt of the Squadron he takes with him to be repaired, victualled, and ſtored, with all the Diligence that could be uſed, he put out of Port Royal with the Strafford, Princeſs Louiſa, Windſor, Greenwich, and Norwich: The Falmouth had been ſent away with the London Convoy, but was ordered to join the Admiral at a certain Station. The Admiral has alſo with him all the Fireſhips, Bomb-Veſſels, and Tenders; and being got out of the Harbour of Port Royal, dates his ſaid Letters of the 25th of February from on board the Strafford at Sea. He had ordered the Burford to follow him as ſoon as ſhe could be got ready, according to Directions left ſealed up with her Commander Captain Watſon. The Torrington was likewiſe getting ready in order to follow the Admiral. Commodore Brown with ſeveral of his Majeſty's Ships was left at Port Royal. On the 21ſt of February, Captain Wyndham in the Greenwich returned to Port Royal from a Cruize, in which he had chaſed aſhore and deſtroyed, juſt to the Leeward of the Port of St. Jago, the Spaniſh Brigantine Privateer that was the South-Sea Company's, commanded by Captain Willis, and ſeized in that Port, and fitted out for a Privateer, and might have been very pernicious to our Trade if ſhe had not been timely deſtroyed; ſhe was towing in an Engliſh Brigantine that had left Company with the Convoy, but was brought ſafe into Port Royal by the Greenwich.

On the 25th arrived Letters from Rear-Admiral Haddock, dated from on board the Ipſwich at Port Mahon the 7th of May, adviſing, that on the 5th he diſpatched his Majeſty's Ships the Prince of Orange, Sunderland and Jerſey to joyn Sir Chaloner Ogle at Gibraltar, whoſe Squadron, when theſe have joyned him, will conſiſt of twelve ſtout Ships of War. Rear Admiral Haddock remains at Port Mahon with the reſt of his Squadron, ſome of his Ships being employed to cruize on the Coaſt of Catalonia, and on that of Italy.

Florence, May 15, N. S. Letters from Rome of the 7th Inſtant adviſe, that Sig. Bolognetti was returned from Civita Vecchia, where, on the 29th paſt, he had cauſed the Sea-Horſe, an Engliſh Ship, Captain Read Maſter, to be reſtored to him by Virtue of an Inſtrument drawn up by Order of the Government of Rome. That Ship had been chaſed and ſeized by a Spaniſh Privateer within Reach of the Cannon of the Fort at Civita Vecchia,